



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PROPEX FACILITY
320 SHILOH ROAD, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until July 4, 2011.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 11-4859-NRP, will affect approximately 39 acres identified by tax map number 240-00-04-003. The City of Seneca (“City”) wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and the City.

The property was historically used to extrude resin pellets to produce fibers. General location uses around the property include undeveloped woodlands and residential use.

The City intends to lease the Property for industrial and/or business use for the purpose of creating jobs. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow the City to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site” because of the potential for environmental pollution. The City did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold the City responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, the City will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, the City will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, the City will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until July 4, 2011. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, email stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 896-4285 or Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.